

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Tony GIORDANO *et al.* Confirmation No.: 4861

Application No.: 10/762,395 Group Art Unit: 1639

Filed: January 22, 2004 Examiner: J. EPPERSON

For: **USE OF POST-TRANSCRIPTIONAL GENE SILENCING FOR
IDENTIFYING NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES THAT MODULATE
THE FUNCTION OF A CELL**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action (Requirement for Election) dated September 11, 2007. A petition and fee for a two month extension of time is submitted herewith.

Amendments to the claims are included and begin on page 2.